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CERTIFIED MAIL 7008-3230-0003-0724-9479  
RETURN RECEIPT REQUESTED

Mr. J D Horrocks  
Newfield Exploration Company  
Route 3, Box 3630  
Myton, UT 84052

Re: Underground Injection Control (UIC)  
Notice of Violation  
Failure to Submit Annular Pressures on Annual Monitoring Report  
Area Permit No. UT22197-00000  
Duchesne and Uintah Counties, UT

Dear Mr. Horrocks:

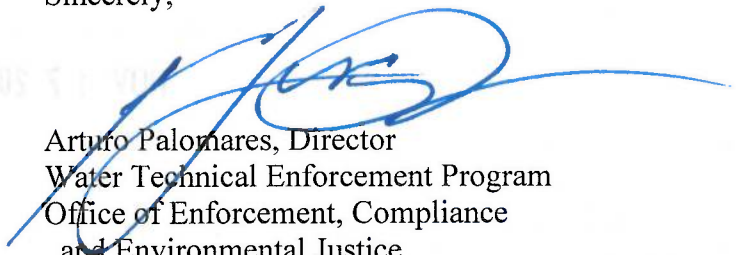
Owners and operators of Class II injection wells are required to submit annual monitoring reports, and when applicable, a chemical analysis of injected fluids for the prior calendar year by February 15. The Environmental Protection Agency's records indicate that we have received incomplete annual monitoring reports for the wells for UIC Area Permit UT22197-00000 for calendar year 2013. These reports, which include the monthly minimum and maximum annular pressures, are required by the area permit for the wells operated by Newfield Exploration Company. The form 7520-11, Annual Disposal/Injection Well Monitoring Report, has columns for recording minimum and maximum tubing-casing annulus pressures. Even though the column headings indicate that annular pressure reporting is optional, reporting of annular pressure is not optional if the UIC permit for a well states that it is required. Newfield's failure to comply with this requirement is a violation of the permit for its wells.

If you have the missing monitoring data, please submit it to the EPA immediately.

Failure to comply with a UIC Permit, or the UIC regulations found at 40 CFR Parts 144 through 148 constitute one or more violations of the Safe Drinking Water Act, 42 U.S.C. § 300h. Such non-compliance may subject you to formal enforcement by the EPA, as codified at 40 CFR Part 22.

If you have any questions concerning this letter, you may contact Don Breffle at (303) 312-6198. Please direct all correspondence to the attention of Don Breffle at Mail Code 8ENF-UFO.

Sincerely,



Arturo Palomares, Director  
Water Technical Enforcement Program  
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